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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims (claims 21-48):

21. (New) In a method for treating a mammalian subject with a lipid profile modifying drug wherein the improvement comprises administering to the mammalian subject an aliquot of the mammal's blood that has been treated ex vivo with one or more stressors, selected from the group consisting of oxidative stress, thermal stress, and UV light.

22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the mammalian subject suffers from atherosclerosis.